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Title	Method and Apparatus for Enhanced Security in a Broadband Telephony Network.		

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AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL

REMARKS

This is in response to an Office action dated June 26, 2005, where the previous finality was withdrawn and a new FINAL action was lodged.

Applicants thank the Examiner for withdrawing the previous finality of the claims' rejection, as promised in the telephone interview with the undersigned prior to applicants' previous response. At the risk of being viewed as a party that, when given a finger, wants the whole hand, it is noted that because of the nature of the Examiner's remarks at page 2 of the current Office action, the current action should not have been FINAL and, therefore, applicants respectfully request that the finality of the current Office action be withdrawn.

Specifically, at page 2 of the Office action the Examiner asserts that authenticating a server for security purposes is common, and that this is inherent in any critical server situation. It is noted that the Examiner has not expressed the view that Reed III reference(U.S. Patent 5,152,919) supports this assertion, and has cited no other reference in support of this assertion.